vation that it occurs only in the few locations where A. lecheguilla and A. neomexicana are sympatric. Agave collecting (a matter of sangre y corazon) has been spotty, making resolution of frequent hybridization problems among the 200–250 species difficult without extensive field work (Gentry, H. S., U.S.D.A. Handbook 399, 1972).—WILLIAM H. REID and RICHARD D. WORTHINGTON, Biological Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso 79968. (Accepted 26 Jan 1979.)

NOTES AND NEWS

EIGHTEEN NEVADA RARE PLANTS LISTED

The Nevada Division of Forestry, effective 14 February 1979, has listed 18 rare native plants protected under Nevada state law. A permit, good for one taxon and one occasion within the calendar year, is now required to collect any of them on private or state lands. For additional taxa and/or occasions, additional permits are needed. Applications may be obtained from the Division of Forestry, 201 S. Fall Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701. The taxa involved are: Arctomecon californica Torr. & Frem., Arenaria stenomeres Eastw., Astragalus beatleyae Barneby, A. geyeri Gray var. triquetrus (Gray) Jones, A. lentiginosus Doug. var. sesquimetralis (Rydb.) Barneby, A. nyensis Barneby, A. phoenix Barneby, Castilleja salsuginosa N. Holmgren, Cryptantha insolita (Macbr.) Payson, Eriogonum argophyllum Reveal, E. lemmonii S. Wats., E. viscidulum J. T. Howell, Frasera gypsicola (Barneby) D. M. Post, Lathyrus hitchcockianus Barneby & Reveal, Mentzelia leucophylla Bdg., Penstemon thurberi Torr. var. anestius Reveal & Beatley, Phacelia inconspicua Greene, and Primula capillaris N. Holmgren & A. Holmgren.—MARGARET WILLIAMS, Northern Nevada Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 8965, Reno 89507

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